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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC STATUS FOR CHIEF OF IRANIAN TRADE CENTER

REF: BREWIN/NAAS LETTER OF JULY 22, 1976

1. AS EXCEPTION TO DEPARTMENT'S RULE THAT DIPLOMATS MUST RESIDE IN WASHINGTON AREA, HEADS OF FINANCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND COMMERCIAL OFFICES ESTABLISHED IN NEW YORK CITY MAY BE ACCORDED DIPLOMATIC STATUS AND INCLUDED IN THE DIPLOMATIC LIST. SUBORDINATE OFFICERS OR THEIR STAFFS DO NOT QUALIFY FOR SUCH STATUS. MOREOVER, THE PRINCIPAL'S IMMUNITY IS PERSONAL IN NATURE AND DOES NOT IMPART INVIOABILITY TO OFFICE PREMISES PER SE, ALTHOUGH DEPARTMENT VIEWS THIS IMMUNITY AS EXTENDING TO THE OFFICER'S OFFICIAL PAPERS AND FILES.

2. ALTHOUGH REQUEST NOT YET RECEIVED, DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKELY, IN LINE WITH ABOVE POLICY, CONSIDER FARTASH ELIGIBLE FOR DIPLOMATIC STATUS AS HEAD OF IRANIAN TRADE CENTER IN NEW YORK. (CENTER ITSELF WOULD NEED TO REGISTER WITH JUSTICE DEPARTMENT UNDER FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT.) DE-
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PARTMENT WOULD REQUIRE THAT FARTASH APPEAR ON DIPLOMATIC

LIST WITH TITLE OF COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR WITH NO INDICATION
OF AFFILIATION WITH TRADE CENTER.

3. DEPARTMENT WILL INFORM EMBASSY WHEN FARTASH RECEIVES
DIPLOMATIC ACCREDITATION, BUT NEXT FOLLOWING EDITION OF
QUARTERLY DIPLOMATIC LIST WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE AVAILABLE
FOR SOME TIME. ROBINSON

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